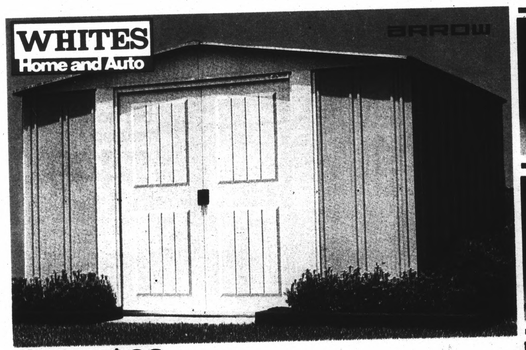

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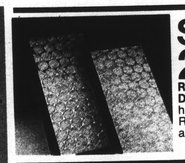

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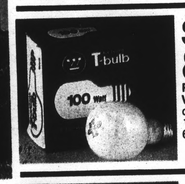

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Father Darkleaf

BY
CALVIN ROBINSON

On August 4, 1885, Canon Frederic William Farrar delivered a funeral oration in Westminster Abbey, London, in memory of General U.S. Grant. Grant had risen from modest circumstances to lead U.S. armies to victory at Appomattox and was twice elected President of the United States. In his oration, Canon Farrar recalled that when Grant became President he was asked what his Coat of Arms would be. Mindful of his early struggles, Grant replied, "A pair of shirt sleeves." I mentioned those for the Labor Day week to suggest that whatever one's rank in life, hard work is a badge of honor.

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Our town was rather quiet on Labor Day, with several top employers observing the holiday. But there was lots of traffic on the highways and the Rescue Squad was active.

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With an opening win over Gretna, the ACHS Raiders tackle William Campbell H.S. this week. I see no reason to forsake our winning ways.

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Yellow watermelons? Yes sir, my friend Vernell Mitchell dropped by and brought me a yellow watermelon, some cantaloupes and a jar of damson preserves. The damsons had come from a tree planted by the late E. T. Mitchell. Thanks./ to Mrs. Mitchell, Pearl, for the preserves.

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The annual Old Dominion Checker Association Tournament will be held in Buena Vista Oct. 2. Appomattox used to have its share of top checker players. I recall that the late Billy Hubbard and S. J. Evans were among the local champs.

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A National Day of Prayer has been proclaimed for October 7. Why not every day!

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Being right-handed, I carry my keys and change in my right trouser pocket, so as to be easily reachable. What's in the left pocket? I checked and found: the rabbit's foot I have had for many years, a "bleeding tooth" sea shell, a rather big pocket knife, a small green rock, a souvenir coin from the Cathedral of St. John the Divine of New York and two packages of matches. We are always kidding the ladies about what they carry in their handbags, but chances are men tote around their share of odds and ends. Good question . . . so you have extra front door and car keys and if so, where?

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I like to check football scores. When I was assistant principal and coach at Onancock High School, on the Eastern Shore, we had no football team, only baseball, basketball and a bit of track and tennis. But the school has come along in sports, and I note that in their opening game they defeated Cape Charles 67-0.

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More on the notepad, but am having typewriter trouble, so will sign off. Thanks for reading and seeya next week.

FESTIVAL RECREATION PLANS UNDERWAY

This years Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival seems to be progressing towards one of the most exciting and fun filled festivals that we have thus far held.

Some of the activities, exhibits and amusements that have been prepared for your enjoyment are as follows: The W. O. W. Train sponsored by the Woodmen of the World; a game display furnished by the Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries; short plays will be staged by the Appomattox 4-H Clubs; Mr. Gilbert Mays will have a bee display; the Appomattox FFA will have a dunking machine; a game of fun has been prepared by the Memorial United Methodist Church Youth Fellowship; there will be carnival games provided for children and last but not least Mr. Jimmy Rogers will have his swings again this year.

We are looking forward to a big week end so make plans now to join us.

Charles T. Moses, Sr. Portrait To Be Presented

On Sunday, September 24, 1978, a portrait of the late Senator Charles Thomas Moses, Sr. will be presented to the County of Appomattox by the Moses family. The ceremony will take place at the Courthouse, beginning at 12:30. Former Governor Mills E. Godwin will unveil the portrait.

Senator Moses was born in 1897 on a tobacco farm in Appomattox County. His parents were the late Thomas Walker and Clara Mann Moses. His early education was acquired in a one room red brick school which he attended with his sister, the late Nettie Moses Dresser Martin. He entered the public schools of Appomattox and graduated from high school in 1917.

Until 1919, he worked with his father's tobacco warehouse. At that time, they formed a partnership in Moses Motor Company selling Chevrolet and Dodge "horseless carriages."

In 1918 he married Mary Virginia Godwin of Nansemond County. They were the parents of four children, Carolyn Frances (Mrs. Vincent J. Lusardi), Virginia Godwin (Mrs. H. Webster Babcock), Clara Whitney (Mrs. William R. Herndon) and Charles Thomas Moses, Jr. They were the proud grandparents of thirteen grandchildren.

Senator Moses' political career began in 1925 with his election to the Appomattox Town Council. In 1935 he was elected to the Virginia State Senate to represent the counties of Appomattox, Buckingham, and Cumberland.

In 1952, after redistricting of the State, Senator Moses ran for and won the Eleventh Senatorial Districal Seat representing the counties of Amelia, Appomattox, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Nelson, and Powhatan. In 1958 he was elected by his colleagues as President Pro Tempore of the Senate of Virginia, as honor he held until his death in 1964.

Other accomplishments included the organization and operation of the Virginia Dark Fired Tobacco Association, Serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Farmer's National Bank for 41 years, serving as a Trustee for the Memorial Methodist Church, and chairing the Virginia Civil War Centennial Commission.

"Charlie" Moses is often referred to as the Senator who fought for the rights and privileges of the farmer. He loved his town, his native state, and his country and he considered it an honor and a privilege to serve the people he loved.

TOWN TAX RAT CLARIFIED

Taxes for the Town of Appomattox have gone to 100% assessment and are being assessed at 20c per $100 of assessed value.

If you have questions, please call W. R. Britton, Jr. at the Town Office.

Conner Wins Fourth F.R.C.C. Championship

Jerry Conner shot rounds of 73-74-74 for a total of five over par 221 and captured his fourth Falling River Country Club golf championship in the annual tournament held Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

Conner started the final round with a four stroke lead over Doug Marshall and increased the margin to seven with a two under par front nine while Marshall was one over par. Conner picked up another stroke on ten but lost two on eleven and two more on thirteen when he bogied both holes and Marshall birdied, and the margin was back to four. Both players were one over par on the final five holes, Marshall finishing second with 225.

Doug Mitchell, who shot 72 on the final day which was the best round of the tournament, took third place with 228.

Other winners included: First Flight, Carroll Goodrich, 242; Tommy Bass, 245; and J. D. Crance, 247. Second Flight; Tony Guthrie, 257; T. R. Boggs, 258; and Wayne Brown, 262. Third Flight, Reed Johnson, 269; Jimmy Roach, 272; and Dick Bass, 274. Fourth Flight, Bill Cozart, 286; Harry Lawson, 289 and W. P. Geisler, 291.

Official Voting Information

The Constitution of Virginia requires that a person be registered in the precinct in which they live in order to be qualified to vote.

In order to be eligible to vote in the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 1978, you must register no later than 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 7, 1978, according to Mrs. Emma Lemon, Registrar for Appomattox County.

You are hereby notified that the Registration Office of Appomattox County, located at 117 Court Street over the Treasurer's Office, will be open for registration on Saturday, October 7, 1978 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the purpose of registering qualified persons.

You are further notified that Mrs. Lemon will sit on Saturday, October 28, 1978 and Saturday, November 4, 1978 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at her office mainly for the purpose of accepting applications for absentee ballots for this General Election. November 4, 1978 is the last day on which such applications for absentee ballots may be made in person by qualified applicants for this General Election.

Adult Education Classes To Start

Registration for first Semester Adult Education Classes will start this week. Adults who are interested and who want to participate in classes that are being offered by the Appomattox County School Division are requested to register now by calling 352-8253 between the hours of 8:30 - 5:00 or by mailing in a registraiton form. Please look at the class schedule located elsewhere in this issue of the Times-Virginian for informaiton concerning classes offered.

"It is very important that persons pre-register for classes," states R. B. Carter, Coordinator of Adult Education. "Pre-registration enrollments are used to determine whether enrollment is sufficient to offer a particular class. An enrollment of ten persons is required for a class to be offered."

Persons who desire information concerning an adult class are requested to contact the School Board Office by calling 352-8253.

Pamplin Community Center Plans September 7 Meeting

There will be a membership meeting of Pamplin Community Center, Inc., Thursday, September 7, 8:00 p.m. at Elon Baptist Church. The purpose of the meeting is to ratify proposed changes in the Articles of Incorporation, plan a new membership drive and act on several business matters.

The Board of Directors will meet at 7:30 p.m. prior to the membership meeting. All members are urged to attend.

School Board To Meet September 8

The Appomattox County School Board will meet in regular session in the Board Room in Appomattox on Friday, September 8, 1978, at 3 p.m.

Items on the agenda will include a report from a representative of the County Library Advisory Committee; report on Appomattox County Forum on Drug Education scheduled at Appomattox County High School on September 18, at 7:30 p.m.; report on student enrollment for the 1978-79 session; report from Mrs. Dorothy Oliver and Mrs. Jean Mills on health promotion and prevention program in which these two sixth grade teachers participated this summer; report on bids received on lease/purchase of a 34 passenger school bus with lift attachment for handicapped children; review of improvements made in school facilities during the summer; review of discipline procedures which schools will follow during the 1978-79 session; and consideration of tuition assistance for special education students.

Red Cross Blood Services Program Success on August 29

Our goal was set and thanks to YOU we went over the top. I know you are as happy as I am that all those people who needed blood in the hospital were able to get it due to people caring.

We had a total of 120 donors who came to the bloodmobile, and with only 7 deferred, our total collection was 113 pints. Since some of our regulars could not make this visit we could not have reached our goal without our 16 first time donors. That is quite a jump over our five for the visit in May. We want you to know them as we are sure they are going to be regulars from now on and they too are going to encourage others to come. Our first timers were: Garland Garrett. Walter Kelso, Roosevelt Pankey, Terry Jones, Dorothy Garrett, Diana Millick, Janet Fitzgerald, Margie Covington, Elizabeth Oxner, Pamela Mays, Sandra Clapp, Mary Ellen Watson, Sam B. Waddell, Jr., Tamara D. Nash, Matthew Petty and Elizabeth Harris. Shirley Doss is a first time donor in Appomattox County.

We had quite a few donors who qualified for pins this visit also. The following were 2 gallon donors: Avery M. Dalton, V. R. Daughtry, Donna Woods, Louise T. Thompson, Eleanor Thompson Stratton, Gail W. Craft, Loretta Layne, Danny Arthur Garrett, and Judy Johnson.

One gallon donors: Laura K. Martin, Anita Diane Marsh, Col. Joseph Stalling, Ida H. Campbell, and James F. Copeland.

Three gallon donor: E. M. Drinkard

Four gallon donor: Merle R. Nash

I know there are some families who are 100% donors and hope to have some news and pictures on those later.

Thanks to all who donated and to all who gave of their time for this very worthwhile volunteer work. We can all feel confident that if ever the need comes for any of us, the blood will be there for us.

Alice C. Martin, Chm.

Farm & Home Show Supports Railroad Festival

Saturday, September 9 and 16 be sure to tune your TV to WSET-Channel 13 at 8:00 a.m. to see and hear about the upcoming Festival. On these shows Patsy Butler and Evelyn Ford, Festival Co-chairpersons will show slides of last year's Festival and exhibit some of the crafts you may expect to find at the Festival. Town Manager, Bill Britton will comment on the Air Show to be held Sunday, September 24. Paul Younger will demonstrate his basket weaving techniques. Also appearing will be Teresa Quesenberry, Choral Director and 10 students. Their musical selections will be highlighting the railroad era of our history. The show will be hosted by Shirley Walton, County Extension Agent.

Don't forget to watch the Farm and Home Show September 9 and 16. The two shows will be different, so you won't want to miss either of them.

Blood Pressure Clinic Planned

A FREE Blood Pressure Clinic will be held Saturday, September 9th, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at American Federal Savings & Loan Association's Appomattox Office.

The clinic is being sponsored by the American Heart Association, Appomattox Chapter.

Masonic Meeting Set For September 13

A called meeting will be held at Monroe Masonic Lodge on September 13, 1978 at 7:30 p.m for work in the Master Masons Degree.

Master Masons are invited to attend.

Warren Drinkard, W.M.

Civil War Encampment Staged At Sayler's Creek Battlefield State Park

Richmond - The Department of Conservation and Economic Development, Division of Parks will sponsor a Civil War Living History Demonstration September 9 and 10 at Sayler's Creek Battlefield State Park announced Parks Commissioner Ben H. Bolen.

The Fincastle Rifles, known as Company D, 11th Virginia Infantry Regiment and the 6th Virginia Infantry Unit, will combine to set up a typical Confederate field encampment on the battlefield next to the Hillsman House.

Beginning at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 9, through 5:00 p.m. Sunday September 10, visitors to the battlefield will be able to see what 19th century miliary life was like while learning about the soldiers of the Civil War - their activities, food, equipment, weapons and uniforms.

Sayler's Creek Battlefield State Park may be reached by taking State Route 307 (connecting highway between US 360 and 460, Farmville) to either Route 616 or 617.

Fall Sewing Class Planned

The Home Economics Department at A.C.H.S. in cooperaiton with the Appomattox County Board, will provide sewing instructions for interested persons in our area. The classes will begin on Thursday, September 14, at 7 o'clock, meeting each Thursday for ten weeks in the Home Economics Department at A.C.H.S. A registration fee of $10.00 will be collected from each person and fabric and patterns should be purchased by the individual taking the class.

Special emphasis will be given to beginners but everyone is invited to improve their sewing skills by enrolling in the class. Fall fashions are showing a layered-look that can be easily achieved and altered to suit the individual. We can expect to see more dresses and nice skirts and blouses with an attractive vest.

If you have any questions, please call the Home Economics Department at Appomattox County High School (352-7146).

County Forum on Drug Education Set For Sept. 18

A county wide forum on Drug Education will be held in the Appomattox County High School Auditorium Monday, September 18, 1978, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The program will include a presentation on legal and illicit drugs that are being abused by youth and adults alike. Simulated displays of drugs involved in misuse will be available for inspection by those present. County officials, persons involved in drug abuse counseling, law enforcement personnel and a local youth group representative will be present to answer questions and discuss drug abuse problems. The Appomattox Drug Education Committee and the Parent Teacher Association County Council are sponsoring the event. These groups urge all parents to be present and bring their youth to this informative program.

The High School auditorium has a capacity of over 900. Roland B. Murphy, chairman of the Drug Education Committee, said the sponsors of the forum hope for a capacity audience. This program is the first in a series of Drug Education Programs that will deal with drug identification, symptoms and treatment of drug users.

The sponsors hope to teach parents and youth more about drug use and abuse and make them aware of the resources available if needed.

W. W. Wallis steadies his new Tree Farm sign as Westvaco Forester Sam Waddell tamps the dirt around it to hold it tight.

County's Newest Tree Farmers

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wallis are Appomattox County's newest Tree Farmers. The Wallis' with the help of the Virginia Division of Forestry and Westvaco have planted approximately 80 acres of loblolly pine on their farm near Pamplin, Virginia.

As Tree Farmers, and members of Westvaco's Cooperative Forest Management Program, the Wallis' have earned membership among an elite group of forest landowners.

There are just slightly over 1,000 Tree Farmers in Virginia. Eleven in Appomattox County.

Tree Farmers all across the state seem to have one characteristic in common. One that is evident in the management of the Wallis Tree Farm in particular. That is a desire to fulfill an obligaiton to the land - a responsibility that goes with ownership. They want to leave the world in a little bit better shape than what they found it.

Tree Farmers like the Wallis' are practicing environmentalists in a real sense. They have assumed the challenge of improving their environment and are doing something about it.

Eight Contestants Enter Miss Appomattox Pageant

The Appomattox Woman's Club announces that eight young ladies will compete on September 23, 8 p.m. at the Appomattox County High School for the title for Miss Appomattox 1979.

The winner of this local pageant will enter the Miss Virginia Pageant. The state queen will then compete for the crown of Miss America in the national competition at Atlantic City, N.J.

The lovely girls and their sponsors are as follows: Susan Campbell, Times-Virginian; Kaye Chenault, The Clothesline; Rhonda Gail Doss, Times-Virginian Printing Company; Kim Rene' Ferguson, Webb Tire; Kahty Faye Johnson, Appomattox Hardware; Pamela O'Brien, Wilbun Grocery Store; Barbara Wenning, J. E. Sears & Co.; and Merry Wright, White's Auto.

TOWN OFFICIALS TAKE OATH OF OFFICE - The Honorable George F. Abbitt, Jr., Circuit Court Judge retired, left above, is shown giving oath of office to Mayor and members of Appomattox Town Council. Taking the oath of office on Friday, September 1, 1978, were, left to right, Samuel Carter, R. L. Bass, Thomas W. Lawson, Robert C. Hubbard, Mayor Ronald Spiggle, and Maurice E. Gordon. The newly elected Mayor and members of council officially began their term of office for the new year Friday. Not available for picture was Councilman T. E. "Sonny" Conner.